

# Foolish Amateur Restrictions Have Handicapped Tennis

## PHILS AND A'S ARE IN SIXTH PLACE

Drop From Elite by Defeats Here and in Washington. Evers Does a Comeback

## CUBS CONTINUE FAST PACE

AFTER enjoying a brief sojourn among the mighty, our A's and Phils find themselves this morning sporting around with the lesser lights and only two notches from that distasteful last place they have inhabited so much of late.

The Giants just to prove that they were not going well on Wednesday went out yesterday and smote Winters, Betts and Baumgartner mightily and letty for ten wholesome runs while the Phils were getting five of Pat Ryan, rookie hurler.

The Athletics tried to get in a postponed tilt on the right side of the ledger down in Washington, but the Senators with the Government employes on the job—they were granted a half holiday—saw their favorites perform—sent Roy Moore and Bob Hasty back to the bench and mated a youthful Jimmy Sullivan.

Heinz Groh for whom the Giants paid many a farthing during the stove league campaign was the leading light in the reverse suffered by the men of Wilkins. The former Red had a double and three singles, out of the thirteen made by his team. Three others were made by former Phils, Hancock, Ravings and Emil Meusel, each getting a lusty bang.

Seven hits, one a triple, by Lebrun and a double by Pinch-hitter Wrightstone, was the total damage done in the fifth and eighth. The Phils rose up in their might and accumulated five runs, but the Giants had already doubled the figures and that meant another reverse.

## Moore Flitters

Roy Moore, the prize left-hander of Mack's staff, was regarded as a certainty to stump the Senators yesterday, but after getting by the first inning he went in reverse and was yanked. Bob Hasty, who has not started a game this season, was tried next and he saw the light of the shower room calling him. Sullivan was the third, and he lasted the remainder of the contest.

The Mackmen made one last hit that the Senators—eight—yet they were able to score but three runs to nine for the Milanese. Moore walked a quartet of the home folk, and Bob Hasty, not to be outdone, made his first hit. Willie Walker aided the pitchers in their downfall by having one of his off days, two errors of commission being chalked against him and a couple that do not appear in the box score.

At that Walker hit one of the longest sacrifice flies on record that counted Johnston from second place. According to the experts, the feat has never been performed in the history of the big leagues. As Rice caught the fly on the dead run the A's first sacker was off like a flash, rounded the bases and to the surprise of Rice, bolted for home. The fielder's throw was a couple of seconds too late to catch the veteran.

Johnny Evers, a veteran and a man a heroic game with the old Cubs, erstwhile manager and now assistant to Kid Gleason with the White Sox, showed that old age must be served yesterday by playing nine complete frames against the Indians. Johnny had three assists and as many put-outs, and played a whole of a game. He also acquitted himself in the only two-play killing of the game.

The contest was called in the ninth, with the score tied at 6, to enable Cleveland to change the feat has never been performed in the history of the big leagues. As Rice caught the fly on the dead run the A's first sacker was off like a flash, rounded the bases and to the surprise of Rice, bolted for home. The fielder's throw was a couple of seconds too late to catch the veteran.

Ray Grimes continued his great work by slamming out a home run and scoring two with a single against the Cards. The result a victory, and still a dead lock for first place between the Cubs and the Giants. Jones was the winning hurler.

The Cards continued their winning streak which reached two yesterday, by slamming Morrison and Hamilton hard for an 8-to-4 victory over the Pirates, Adolpho Logue and Donahue stemmed the Pirate tide.

The Brooklyn Dodgers, in the other National League game, swamped the Braves, 12 to 5, hitting the offerings of the Beantown twirlers with utter abandon.

**Boots and Saddle**  
The Hartford Steeplechase is offered as the feature of today's card at Havre de Grace. The veteran Steeplechase appears much the best, although conceding a great deal of weight. Since the capture of Duettie from this country for England, Steeplechase is considered about the best jumper left. District Shore and Free State should furnish the contention.

The Madonna purse is the feature of the first races. The purse is for \$200. Second Thoughts has great speed. Prelude has been running as if not quite up to her best race. Both have to reckon with Murrkins and Dresden.

Horses which seem the best are:  
First race—Our Tillsie, St. Angelina, The Ulster, Second—Swampment, District Shore, Free State, Third—Vino, Chairman, C. de Morny, Fourth—Willis Sharpe, Kiltner entry, Cape Pillar, Long Island, Fifth—Second Thoughts, Prelude, Dresden, Sixth—Pucky, Swallow, Lady Zeus, Seventh—Trickster II, Philaris, Lucy Kate.

Boniface, with his heavy impost, found a big task in his race yesterday. The inconstant Bygone Days which led to the last furling in the Greenwich Handicap yesterday. J. K. L. Ross made a double when Hildur and Lion did a coupled, ran one two in the Radio Handicap. Grace Foster again showed her class by defeating Careaker and Prelude in the Frolic Purse at a mile and seventy yards, she won easily and paid better than 5 to 1 in the mutuels.

Jockey "Chick" Lang piloted two winners at Havre de Grace yesterday. An old trickster and Lang's secret of success is making the horses like him. The little rider never uses harsh means with a horse, and when the barrier is sprung he generally has his mount in good temper and alert. It is reported that Lang's contract employer wants \$30,000 for his contract with the club and he is likely to get it.

Navy Oarsmen Ready for M. I. T. Annapolis, Md., April 26.—Most of the final trials were given to the Naval Academy crew yesterday by Richard Gooden, head coach, and his son preparatory to the final trials of the "Musselshell" which here tomorrow.

Pitcher Keidel Released Cleveland, O., April 26.—Manager Trip Speaker of the Cleveland Americans has announced the unconditional release of pitcher George Keidel, former Cleveland amateur, and Third Baseman Ralph Hendrick, former college infielder.

## 'Pro-Bugaboo' Raises Head Over Tennis Court—Tilden

Champion Thinks Foolish Restrictions May Have Effect Opposite to That Intended—Gives His Idea of Professionalism

By WILLIAM T. TILDEN, 24 Tennis Champion of the World, 1910-1921.

THE opening of every tennis season is the signal for an outbreak of discussions on the question of professional tennis and the likelihood of its gaining headway. We read much that appears to show that tennis is rapidly being commercialized, while other articles prove just as conclusively that there is not a chance that professionalism can ever gain a foothold in the game. These depend entirely upon the viewpoint of the writer, and are based more on desire than on fact. It is the players alone who can tell whether or not there is a chance of professional tennis.

Let me make my position clear at once. I am not, never have been and never will be an advocate of professionalism in tennis. I would fight it to the limit. Yet I frankly believe that tennis is seriously threatened, not by any attempt on the part of promoters to buy the players through huge salaries, but by a mistaken attitude taken on the question by a certain element in tennis. I know that all the men who have taken the stand on a rigid enforcement of the amateur rule have done so with the highest ideals and greatest desire to protect the game from the very thing that they are going to create.

Tennis has outgrown the old days when it was more or less of a dilettante game. It is now and always will remain a national and international sport for all ages and classes.

It is just as logical to prohibit a man from practicing dentistry or law among his friends of the tennis world as to prohibit him from writing any articles for any form of publication. Is it any more immoral to write for a newspaper daily than weekly, and if so, why? Yet one would have been al-

lowed and the other not. The more legislation there is on the books the greater the temptation to break the laws. If professional tennis ever comes it will be in a burst of reaction on the part of the players who revolt against the unnecessary restrictions placed upon them.

Yet I repeat all those restrictions are proposed and enforced with the highest ideals and the keenest desire to keep tennis clean. The men at the

head of the game are all men of the greatest integrity and are filled with the finest loyalty to the game. My criticism is not personal, but is one of general principle on the whole matter of amateurism. Personally, I believe a man is a professional who coaches or plays for money, this return being direct or indirect to him. I see no reason to restrict a player further than this. Copyright, 1923, by Public Ledger Company

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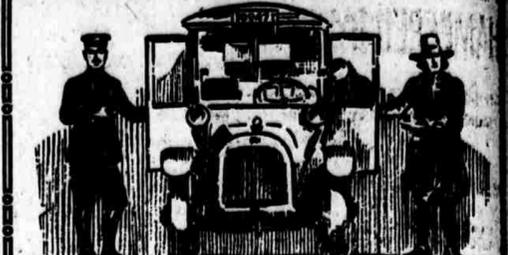
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